

# The Political Parties of Canada & Satire

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## Clip 1: Rick Mercer Report - *cHarmony*

1. How are Conservative Party supporters shown? What mannerisms, colour/fashions, and activities are used to show their political views?
2. According to the clip, what are the characteristics or qualities of a “Conservative” person? What are they looking for in a partner?
3. How do the above two questions’ answers hint at the Conservative Party’s political platform?
4. What political issues have been raised in this clip?

## Clip 2: Rick Mercer Report - *NDP Support Line*

1. Why do you think most NDP MPs are described as young, Quebecois “rookies” who didn’t expect to win?
2. What is the dominant colour of the party?
3. Who was Tommy Douglas?

## Clip 3: Rick Mercer Report - *Liberal GPS*

1. What colour is the car the Liberal GPS couple are riding in?
2. What kind of “part” fell off the car? What do you think this means?
3. How would you describe the couple?

4. What is the “Liberal GPS” symbolic of?

### **Clip 4: Rick Mercer Report - *The Bloc Blocker***

1. Who is the leader of the Block Quebecois?
2. What political issues are being “blocked” by the advertised product?
3. Why would the viewer want to block those issues from being heard?

### **Clip 5: Rick Mercer Report - *Green Party of Canada Ad***

1. How is the Green Party “different” from other parties?
2. What are the stereotypes of Green Party supporters in the video?
3. Based off this portrayal, what do you think the Green Party stands for?

### **Clip 6: Rick Mercer Report - *Real Canadians Party***

1. Why is the video is against “educated” or “professional” party members?
2. How are “Real Canadians” portrayed?

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